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Applicant

Yoko IKEDA et al.

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Sir:

Applicant respectfully appeals the decision of the Examiner in finally rejecting any and all of the claims presently pending in the above-identified application, as set forth in the final Office Action mailed 27 August 2003. Although the Advisory Action mailed 29 December 2003 is defective in that it does not indicate the status of any of the pending claims for the purposes of Appeal at Item 7, as required by MPEP §714.13 and 37 CFR §§1.104(b) and (c)(1), Applicant presumes all pending claims, *i.e.*, Claims 1-11, remain rejected as indicated in the 27 August final Office Action.

A Petition for Extension of Time is being filed concurrently herewith, along with a Form PTO-2038 including authorization for payment of the requisite Notice of Appeal fee. To whatever other extent is actually appropriate and necessary,

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Applicant petitions for any appropriate extension of time under §1.136. Please charge any actual shortage in any fees to ATS&K Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (as Case No. 501.37892X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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Petition For Extension Of Time Form PTO-2308 (Fee Codes 1401 and 1252)